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November 24, 2003

James C. Bates, REP  
STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL & BATES, L.L.P.  
318 St. Charles Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: EMERGENCY REQUEST OF November 17, 2003  
SAND(s): MA-6 SAND, RESERVOIR D  
MA-8 SAND, RESERVOIR A  
FIELD: BAYOU CARLIN FIELD  
PARISH: St. Mary Parish, Louisiana  
APPLICANT: EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION

Dear Mr. Bates:

Because of the reason set forth in your emergency request letter, it has been determined that undue hardship would be caused by the 20-day delay prescribed in Rule 3 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, effective October 11, 1983. You are therefore permitted to immediately file your application in compliance with Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. WELSH  
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

BY: John R. Aldridge  
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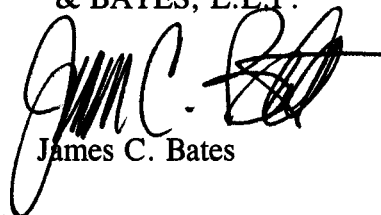
Re: MA-6 Sand, Reservoir D  
MA-8 Sand, Reservoir A  
Bayou Carlin Field, St. Mary Parish, La.

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Exxon Mobil Corporation ("ExxonMobil"), is the lessee of considerable acreage in the subject field. ExxonMobil intends to apply for a public hearing to force pool and unitize in the subject area, as shown on the attached plats. However, because another owner in the field, ORX Resources, Inc. ("ORX") has or will shortly file an application which affects substantially the same property as the ExxonMobil application, the pre-application requirements of LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) of the Revised Rules of Procedure would cause undue hardship to the applicant. Therefore, ExxonMobil respectfully requests that you waive the pre-application requirements of LAC 43:XIX.3907 (Rule 3) and allow it to tender application immediately under LAC 43:XIX.3917 (Rule 8) of the Revised Rules of Procedure, so that the ExxonMobil and ORX applications may be docketed for the same hearing date.

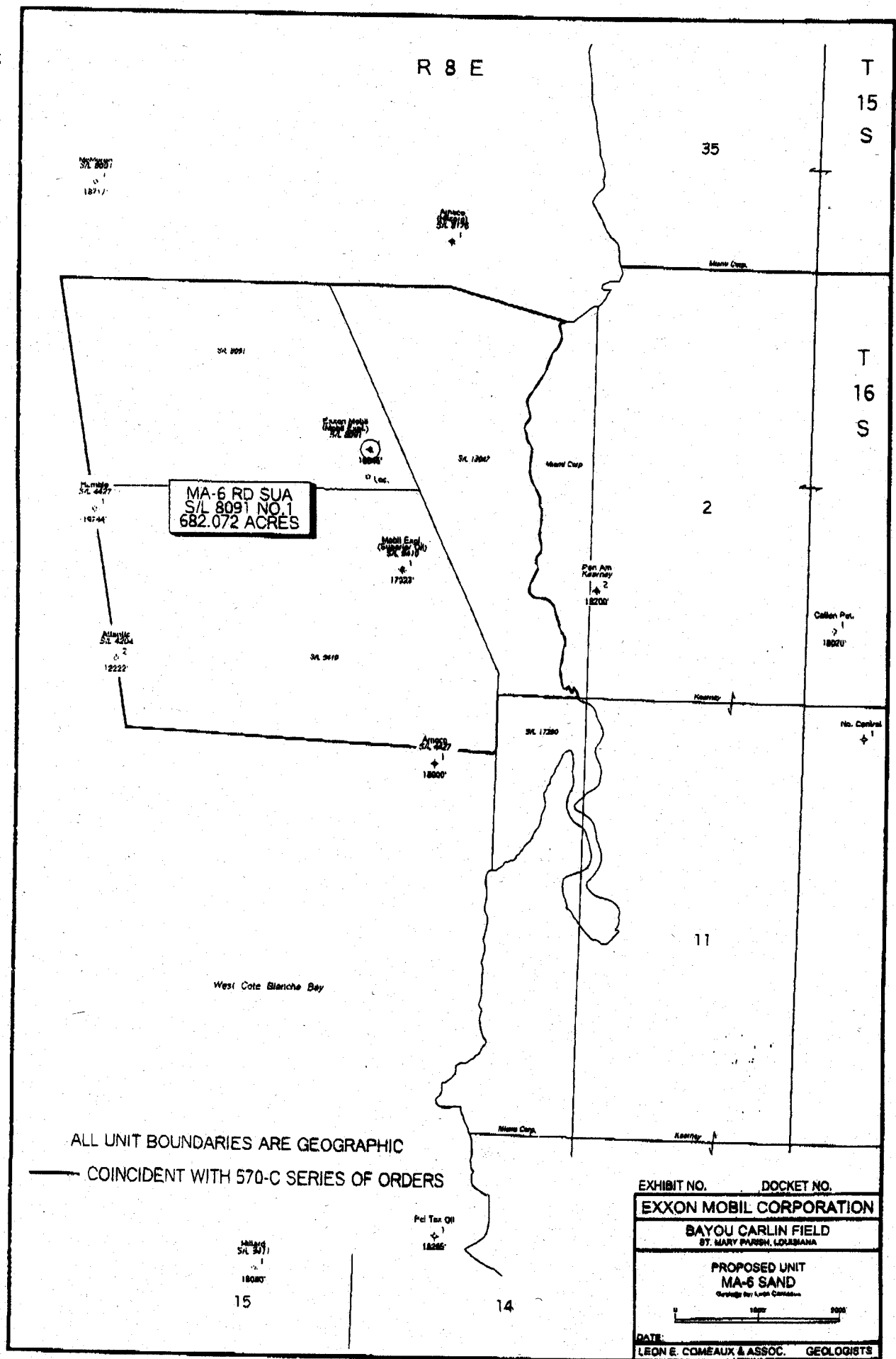
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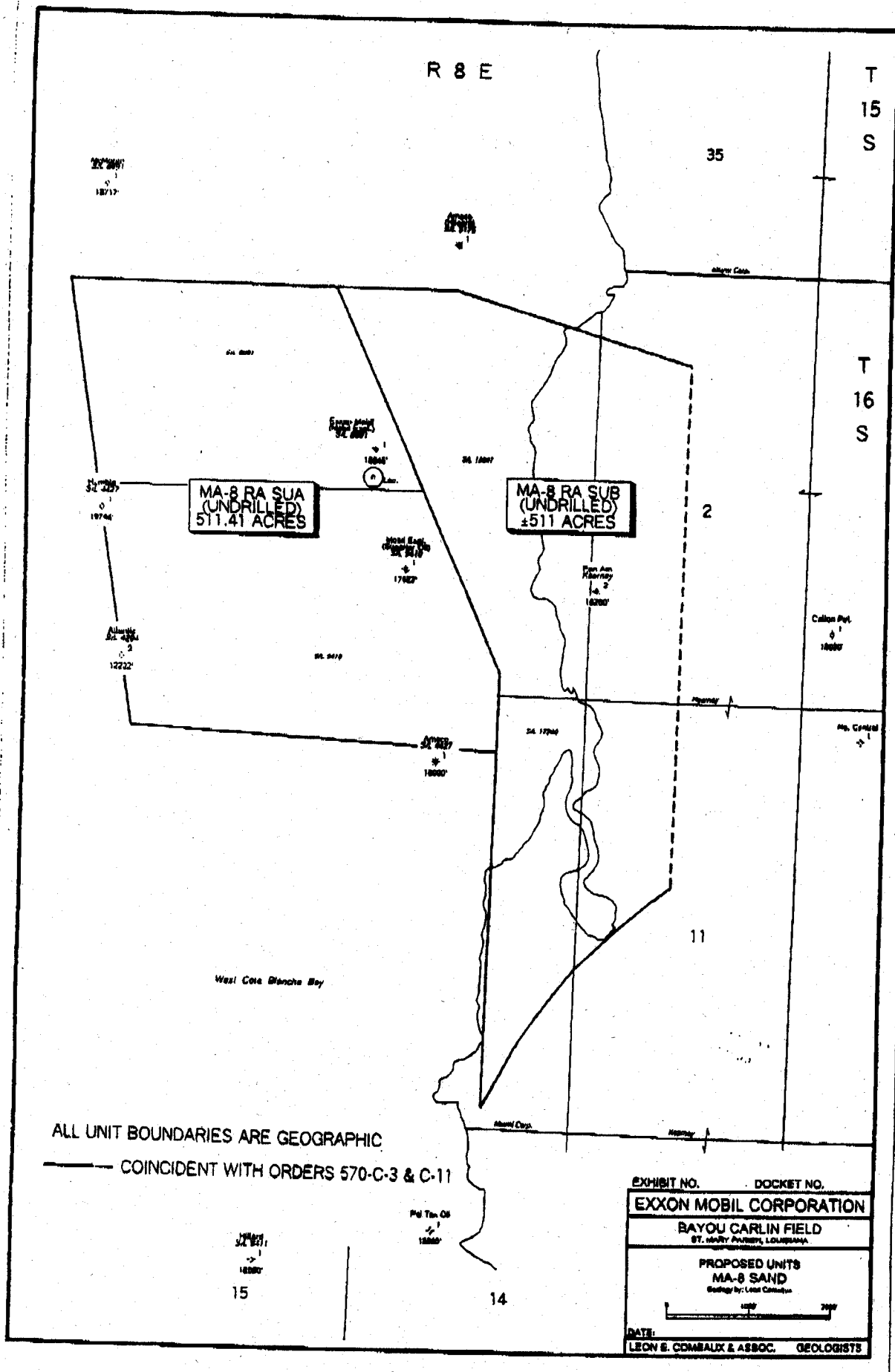
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Re: MA-8 Sand, Reservoir A  
Bayou Carlin Field  
St. Mary Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order covering the following matters pertaining to the MA-8 Sand, Reservoir A, of the Bayou Carlin Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the MA-8 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bayou Carlin Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and to create two drilling and production units to be designated MA-8 RA SU A (approximately 511.41 acres) and MA-8 RA SU B (approximately 511 acres).
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed units set forth in No. 1 hereinabove with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit well for the MA-8 RA SU A and unit operators for both units set out in No. 1 hereinabove.
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

The MA-8 Sand, Bayou Carlin Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand found between the depths of 15,402' and 15,488' (electric log measurements) in the Flynn Energy Corporation-Williams No. 2 well located in Section 13, Township 15 South, Range 9 East, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana (Garden City Field). This sand correlates with the interval from 17,360' to 17,570' in the Hilcorp Energy Corporation-State Lease 5176 No. 1 well shown on the attached plat.

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Revised Rules of Procedure, the Commissioner of Conservation has waived the pre-application notice requirement. A pre-hearing conference to discuss this application will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at 10:30a.m. in Room 578, 1555 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

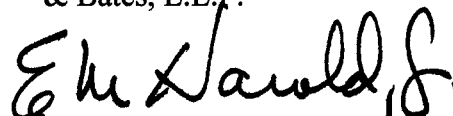
In accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, applicant will post a copy of the Legal Notice of the hearing in a prominent place in the area affected and publish a copy of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the vicinity or general area of the affected field at least fifteen days prior to the date of the hearing.

All pertinent data relating to this application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Leon E. Comeaux, P.O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505; (337)233-9839.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed units. Also attached is a list of the names of Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and all Interested Parties to whom copies of this application are being sent. A reasonable effort has been made to obtain a complete and accurate list. The list will be furnished to any party upon request. A copy of this application is also being mailed to your District Manager in Lafayette, Louisiana. Finally, please find enclosed a check to cover the application fee.

Very truly yours,

Strain, Dennis, Mayhall  
& Bates, L.L.P.



Elliotte M. Harold, Jr.

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**Enclosures**

**Cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and all Interested Parties**

